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SUBJECT: DoD Forensic Science Committee

- References: (a) [DoD Directive 5106.1](#), "Inspector General of the Department of Defense," January 4, 2001
- (b) DoD Instruction, 5100.86, "DoD Forensic Science Committee," October 10, 1996 (hereby canceled)
- (c) [DoD Directive 5105.18](#), "DoD Committee Management Program," February 8, 1999

1. PURPOSE

Under the authority of reference (a), this Instruction:

- 1.1. Reissues reference (b).
- 1.2. Establishes the DoD Forensic Science Committee as a joint DoD committee under the provisions of reference (c) (hereafter referred to as "the Committee").
- 1.3. Assigns the Committee responsibilities for the review and resolution of forensic science issues of concern to the DoD forensic science community and its customers.

2. APPLICABILITY

This Instruction applies to the Office of the Secretary of Defense, the Military Departments, the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, the Combatant Commands, the Office of the Inspector General of the Department of Defense (OIG DoD), the Defense Agencies, the DoD Field Activities, and all other organizational entities in the Department of Defense (hereafter referred to collectively as "the DoD Components").

3. DEFINITION

Defense Criminal Investigative Organizations (DCIOs). Includes the United States Army Criminal Investigation Command, Naval Criminal Investigative Service, United States Air Force Office of Special Investigations, and the Defense Criminal Investigative Service.

4. ORGANIZATION

Members of the Committee shall consist of representatives (DoD military or civilian employees) from the OIG DoD; the DCIOs; the Marine Corps Criminal Investigation Division; and the Office of the Armed Forces Medical Examiner at the Armed Forces Institute of Pathology; and the DoD Computer Forensics Laboratory. The Commander, U.S. Army Criminal Investigation Command, or designee, shall act as the Committee Chair.

5. RESPONSIBILITIES

5.1. The Inspector General of the Department of Defense shall provide oversight of the Committee.

5.2. The Secretary of the Army shall ensure that the Committee Chair establishes procedures to:

5.2.1. Hold Committee meetings at least semiannually to address issues affecting forensic laboratory support to the Department of Defense.

5.2.2. Provide minutes of the meetings to the OIG DoD and Committee members.

5.2.3. Establish Committee processes for monitoring fluctuations in the DoD Components forensic science requirements and of the availability of departmental and external laboratory service support.

5.2.4. Encourage members to share information affecting the forensic science community and address issues of the DoD Components concerns, with efforts toward improving criminal investigative efficiency and effectiveness.

6. EFFECTIVE DATE

This Instruction is effective immediately.



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